

"Use as a Guide Only. An import permit must be obtained from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food."

IMPORTATION OF RATITES AND THEIR HATCHING EGGS  
CERTIFICATION TO BE GIVEN BY AN OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN OF THE EXPORTING COUNTRY

I. Number and identification of the birds or hatching eggs

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Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food import-license number \_\_\_\_\_

II. Origin of the birds or hatching eggs

- a) Name and address of exporter \_\_\_\_\_  
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b) Address of premises of origin \_\_\_\_\_  
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III. Destination of the birds or hatching eggs

- a) Name and address of importer \_\_\_\_\_  
(consignee) in Great Britain \_\_\_\_\_  
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b) Means of transport \_\_\_\_\_

IV. Health requirements

- a) that flock(s) of origin is/are subjected to regular inspection visits by an authorized veterinary officer;  
b) the flock(s) from which the birds or eggs were produced has/have been maintained in the supplying country for at least 6 months prior to the date of exportation and is/are not subject to any quarantine requirements or other restrictions for disease control purposes;  
c) I have inspected the flock(s) of origin on \_\_\_\_\_(date) and found the birds to be free from clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease;  
d) in so far as can be determined there has been no clinical or pathological evidence of the following diseases on the premises during the previous 6 months:

avian influenza, eastern equine encephalomyelitis, fowl plague, infectious laryngotracheitis, chlamydiosis (ornithosis and psittacosis), tuberculosis, vibrionic hepatitis, infectious avian encephalomyelitis, fowl typhoid, pullorum disease (pullorosis), salmonellosis, fowl pox, pasteurellosis (fowl cholera), Newcastle disease, viral arthritis, inclusion body hepatitis, infectious bronchitis, infectious bursal disease (Gumboro disease), transmissible enteritis (blue comb), mycoplasmosis (ie infection with *M. synoviae*, *M. gallisepticum* or *M. meleagridis*) and turkey coryza;

- e) the birds for export or in the case of hatching eggs - the parent birds in the flock(s) of origin - have been isolated for a period of not less than 30 days prior to export, during which period they gave negative results to the following tests:
  - (i) on two occasions not less than 21 days apart blood samples were taken and subjected with negative results to a hemagglutination inhibition test for Newcastle disease; (negative means a titre of not more than 1 in 4), and
  - (ii) on two occasions not less than 21 days apart blood sample were taken and subjected with negative results to a hemagglutination inhibition test for avian influenza against H5 and H7 types, (negative means a titre of not more than 1 in 4), and
  - (iii) on two occasions not less than 21 days apart blood samples were taken and subjected with negative results to an agar gel immunodiffusion test for avian influenza using A antigen.
- f) no case of velogenic Newcastle disease, fowl plague or avian influenza has been confirmed within 20 km of the flock(s) and hatchery of origin during the 3 months prior to export.
- g) that no form of Mareks disease or leukosis has been a clinical problem in the flock(s) (that is, not more than 2% of the flock has died or been clinically affected with these conditions during any period of 3 consecutive months);
- h) that no live vaccines for Newcastle disease, other than those of Lentogenic strains of virus, have been given to the birds comprising the flock of origin;
- i) the birds for export have not been vaccinated against Newcastle Disease;
- j) that no outbreak of clinical disease attributable to salmonella infection has been confirmed in chicks originating from this flock during the previous 6 months;
- k) there in no history or evidence of congenital defects in the flock(s) of origin.

#### NOTES

1. In this certificate the word "flock" should be taken to mean all the ostriches on the farm or site of origin of the birds.
2. The original certificate must accompany the hatching eggs, day-old chicks or poults and must be delivered to an officer of H M Customs and Excise at the place of landing in Great Britain.

3. The health certificate must be signed and stamped in a color other than black by either a whole time veterinary officer or local veterinary inspector appointed by the Government of the exporting country for this purpose.
4. The bird/eggs must be landed at London Heathrow or Gatwick airports.